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SUBJECT: U. S. MEXICO BILATERAL CONSULAR CONVENTION

1. IN PREPARATION FOR MEETING WITH FOREIGN RELATIONS UNDERSECRETARY ROSENZWEIG DIAZ, EMBASSY LEGAL ADVISER GAITHER HAS PREPARED WITH ASSISTANCE PROTOCOL OFFICE (MCCONNEAUGHEY), A LIST OF THE VARIOUS PRIVILEGES AFFORDED MEXICAN DIPLOMATS IN THE UNITED STATES. LIST BEING MADE AT THE REQUEST OF ROSENZWEIG-DIAZ WHEN GENERAL PROBLEMS OF INEQUALITY IN CERTAIN PRIVILEGES WERE RAISED AT AN EARLIER DATE.

2. IN REVIEWING THE STATUS OF PRIVILEGES FOR MEXICAN OFFICIALS IN THE U. S., EMBASSY NOTES THAT MEXICAN CONSULS IN THE U. S. DO NOT RECEIVE EXEMPTION FROM FEDERAL GASOLINE TAX. FAILURE OF GOM TO GIVE EXEMPTION TO GASOLINE TAX PURSUANT TO U. S. - MEXICO CONSULAR CONVENTION OF 1942 (SEE ARTICLE III, PARAGRAPH 1) HAS BEEN RAISED BY EMBASSY AS BEING A RIGHT WHICH SHOULD BE AFFORDED U. S. CONSULAR OFFICERS IN MEXICO. EMBASSY IS OBVIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT OUR POSITION WILL BE WEAKENED WHEN WE INDICATE THAT SUCH EXEMPTION
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IS NOT GRANTED MEXICAN CONSULAR OFFICERS IN THE U. S.

3. ACTION REQUESTED:

A) REQUEST DEPARTMENT REVIEW U. S. - MEXICO CONSULAR CONVENTION WITH VIEW TO POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING FEDERAL GASOLINE TAX EXEMPTION FOR GOM CONSULAR OFFICERS

AND STAFF. EMBASSY NEITHER ASSUMES NOR DESIRES THAT THIS EXEMPTION BE APPLIED TO CONSULAR AGENTS. AT PRESENT GOM DOES NOT GRASP THIS EXEMPTION TO CONSULAR STAFF, HOWEVER, EMBASSY IS RAISING ISSUE IN CONTEXT OF CONSULAR CONVENTION AND WILL REPORT RESULTS WEEK OF JANUARY 23.

B) IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT GOM TAX ON GASOLINE HAS BEEN ON OCCASION DESCRIBED AS A SERVICE CHARGE AND ON OTHER OCCASIONS AS AN INDIRECT TAX. IN ANY EVENT GOM POSITION HAS BEEN THAT REIMBURSEMENT OF TAX, EVEN THOUGH SOMEWHAT RESTRICTED, IS DONE ON THE BASIS OF COMITY AND IS NOT REQUIRED BY LAW, INCLUDING TREATIES OR CONVENTIONS.

4. LIST OF PRIVILEGES REFERRED TO IN PARA 1 BEING
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